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Letter dated 27 December 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by Iran between 29 August and 21 November 2001, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 27 December 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I. Iranian violations of the ceasefire resolution and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 29 August-26 September 2001

1. 29 August 2001

At 0800 hours the Iranians proceeded to photograph the Iraqi customs checkpoint in the restricted zone between the checkpoint and the tubular bridge using for that purpose a patrol boat with three civilians on board moored at a distance of 200 metres from the Iraqi bank. The photography continued for 20 minutes.

2. 8 September 2001

Fishing boat 5643/Basrah, manned by Salman Za'lan Yusuf and his 11 crewmen, was attacked by an Iranian craft with four armed civilians on board near the Karin area. They confiscated the boat's fishing permit and the identity documents of the crewmen. The latter returned to the customs checkpoint on 13 September.

3. 8 September 2001

At 1430 hours the citizen Sa'd Jum'ah Muhsin was shot in the right leg with a round fired from the Iranian side as he was fishing in his boat in the Shatt al-Arab.

4. 13 September 2001

An Iranian patrol consisting of three boats with 21 persons on board and heading towards Faw passed within 100 metres of the Iraqi customs checkpoint. Ten minutes later the boats returned, coming within 50 metres. One of the persons had a camera, and they photographed the customs checkpoint. After another quarter of an hour one of the boats approached to within 20 metres of the customs checkpoint, also for the purpose of taking photographs.

5. 15 September-2 October 2001

Iranian engineering units continued to work at the following locations:

(a) The new berm at coordinates 564476, with nine pieces of equipment;

(b) The new berm at coordinates 565594, with six pieces of equipment;

(c) The oil rig at coordinates 9122;

(d) An engineering project at coordinates 904242, with nine pieces of equipment;

(e) The new outpost at coordinates 154751.

6. 22 September 2001

At 1845 hours the Iranian side photographed the Iraqi customs checkpoint in the restricted zone area between the checkpoint and the tubular bridge using for that purpose a patrol boat with three civilians on board moored at a distance of 200 metres from the Iraqi bank. The photography continued for 20 minutes.

7. 22 September 2001

At 1800 hours the Iranians repaired one of the metal platforms in the Shatt al-Arab at coordinates 291678 (1:100,000 map of Saybah) and manned it with three soldiers armed with light weapons.

8. 22 September 2001

At 0900 hours six Iranian workmen proceeded to construct a block-built observation post opposite the Saybah river at coordinates 373590 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). It was manned by two soldiers armed with carbines. Work stopped at 1600 hours.

9. 24 September 2001

At 1500 hours a mottled khaki-and-red helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian interior flying at an altitude of 200 metres. It landed at coordinates 5151 inside Iranian territory opposite Iraq's Fakkah outpost. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

10. 25 September-2 October 2001

At 1500 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian interior and flying over Iran's Jalat post at coordinates 8309. It then headed towards the Iranian rear.

11. 25 September 2001

At 1100 hours a group of soldiers estimated at company strength was observed in position on Hajj Salbukh island at coordinates 307611.

12. 26 September 2001

At 1200 hours three Iranian patrol boats, their crews wearing civilian clothing, were seen at the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab. One of the boats was equipped with a machine-gun and had in it a person with a hand-held camera. The latter photographed a part of the Qit'ah area at coordinates 304605 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

13. 26 September 2001

At 0800 hours three small Iranian boats were seen on the eastern side of the Shatt al-Arab coming from Abadan. Each of them carried five or six military personnel. These were disembarked at an Iranian company headquarters at coordinates 352592 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

14. 26 September 2001

At 0900 hours two military trucks were seen carrying a number of soldiers and their equipment. They were put down at the company position indicated in the previous paragraph. A number of soldiers from the position were then picked up by the trucks and taken to the Iranian rear.

II. Iranian violations of the ceasefire resolution and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 24 September-21 November 2001

1. 24 September 2001

Nine Iranian military helicopters were seen coming from the Iranian-rear and landing in the city of Mehran.

2. 25 September 2001

A helicopter was seen over the Iranian post opposite the Arafat outpost at coordinates 9865 (1:100,000 map of Zurbatiyah).

3. 26 September 2001

Eight Iranian soldiers were seen with a quad-mounted machine-gun. It was placed to the left of the Iranian outpost opposite Iraq's Darraji outpost.

4. 26 September 2001

At 0825 hours the Iranians shot at Najm Abd Allah Abd Humaydan while he was fishing in the Shatt al-Arab. He was hit in the left shoulder.

5. 3 October 2001

The Iranian enemy launched an illumination flare towards Shusharin hill in the Hashamiyah area of Badrah district in Wasit Governorate.

6. 3-4 October 2001

An Iranian freighter collided with the Iraqi tugboat *Dhu al-Fiqar* in the Shahiniyah area opposite the Iranian intelligence post as the tugboat was heading from the Shatt al-Arab towards Faw. The tugboat sank, and one person died and three were saved and taken to the Iranian side. The tugboat remains submerged in the same location.

7. 5 October 2001

At 0730 hours an Iranian engineering unit was seen constructing a brickwork building beyond the berm opposite the Duwayb river area at coordinates 455505 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). The unit consisted of 30 persons.

8. 5 October 2001

At 1500 hours the Iranians placed a radar device mounted on a vehicle beyond the berm at coordinates 680152 opposite the Iraqi customs checkpoint.

9. 5 October 2001

The Iranian enemy started to build an outpost on the bank of the Duwayb river opposite Duwayb village. The building was half completed. It has not yet been manned, and there are no soldiers in the vicinity.

10. 5-6 October 2001

The Iranian enemy continued work at the following locations:

(a) The new berm at coordinates 564475, with nine pieces of equipment;

(b) The new berm at coordinates 565595, with six pieces of equipment;

(c) The oil rig at coordinates 9122;

(d) The new outpost at coordinates 154751;

(e) The engineering projects at coordinates 904165, with two pieces of equipment, and in the Shalamjah area at coordinates 915801.

11. 6 October 2001

At 1530 hours the Iraq Ports Authority vessel *Al-Quds*, together with its crew of 42, was detained. They were taken to the Iranian checkpoint at coordinates 6814 at 1500 hours on 7 October. The Iraqi tugboat *Al-Rayah* tried to take the vessel in tow but was prevented from doing so by the personnel of the Iranian checkpoint. Despite the attempts made by the crew of the tugboat to convince the personnel of the Iranian checkpoint on the morning of 7 October that they had orders to take the vessel in tow, they would not allow them to do so.

12. 6 October 2001

At 0930 hours a helicopter in camouflage colours carrying four persons was seen. The persons alighted at Iran's Shayb monitoring post and the helicopter remained at coordinates 7221. At 0950 hours it returned towards Iran's Fakkah sector.

13. 8 October 2001

At 0800 hours 10 Iranians were seen building an observation post using blocks and cement opposite the old Hasan outpost at coordinates 426133.

14. 9 October 2001

Thirty Iranian soldiers and one officer were seen near the metal tower opposite Iraq's Darraji outpost shooting at ground-level targets with light weapons. There was also some shooting with a rocket launcher and a quad-mounted machine-gun into open territory.

15. 11 October 2001

At 1600 hours a helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian Interior. It flew over Iran's Shayb outpost, headed towards the Fakkah sector and then returned to the Iranian rear.

16. 14 October 2001

At 1930 hours a helicopter was seen coming from the Fakkah sector and heading towards the Busaytin area at low altitude. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

17. 17 October 2001

At 1630 hours a group of some six to eight Iranians in military and civilian attire opened fire on the supply group at coordinates 8507 as it was returning to base.

18. 17 October 2001

At 1740 hours an Iranian Land Cruiser vehicle was seen at the Iranian position opposite Iraq's Arafat outpost. Three Iranian officers and 15 men alighted, and they proceeded to reconnoitre the area facing Iraqi territory.

19. 17 October 2001

At 1000 hours a jeep carrying a 106-millimetre gun was seen to the left of the metal tower at coordinates 95672 opposite the Muhammad al-Qasim outpost.

20. 14-18 October 2001

The Iranian enemy continued work at the following locations:

(a) The new berm at coordinates 564473, with two bulldozers, two graders and three dump trucks taking part;

(b) The new berm at coordinates 565597, with one grader, one bulldozer, one excavator and two dump trucks taking part;

(c) The oil rig at coordinates 9122;

(d) The engineering project at coordinates 904165, with one Poclain, one pick-up truck and five persons taking part;

(e) Shalamjah burial ground at coordinates 915800, with four workmen taking part;

(f) The new outpost at coordinates 154751, with seven workmen taking part.

21. 19-20 October 2001

An Iranian engineering unit worked at the following locations:

(a) The new berm at coordinates 564473, with two graders, two excavators, two bulldozers and one dump truck taking part;

(b) The new berm at coordinates 565597, with one grader, one excavator, one bulldozer and three dump trucks taking part;

(c) The oil rig at coordinates 9122;

(d) The new Iranian outpost at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah), with seven workmen taking part;

(e) The engineering project at coordinates 904165, with one Poclain, one pick-up truck and five workmen taking part;

(f) The engineering project at coordinates 9377 (mending the road leading to Muhammarah and the Shalamjah gate), with two tanker trucks, one excavator, two dump trucks, two graders and 15 persons taking part;

(g) The Iranian burial ground at coordinates 915800, with 10 workmen taking part.

22. 22 October 2001

At 1020 hours two mines exploded in the Iranian interior beyond the Miyah Tanak outpost at coordinates 5540 (1:100,000 map of Mandali). At 2030 hours the Iranian enemy fired several machine-gun bursts, strafing Wadi Sawwan in front of the Iranian positions. This was followed by the firing of two mortar rounds that impacted beyond the Sawwan outpost at coordinates 559392.

23. 22 October 2001

At 1750 hours a small Iranian boat was seen opposite Faw and close to the eastern shore of the Shatt al-Arab carrying three persons in civilian attire. They proceeded to photograph the Iraqi shore. They then headed south towards the sea.

24. 23 October 2001

At 1730 hours a 106-millimetre gun mounted on a vehicle was seen opposite our units at coordinates 9075.

25. 24 October 2001

At 0945 hours two Iranian vehicles, a Land Cruiser ambulance and a 24-passenger Mercedes, were seen coming from the Iranian interior carrying a number of soldiers. The two vehicles came to a halt at Iran's Khusrawi complex. Eighteen to 20 soldiers and an officer alighted from the Mercedes, four of them wearing camouflage uniforms and carrying a BRC radio, personal field glasses and three GC [rifles]. Two others were mine officers and had white bags with them. This scenario was repeated at 0700 hours on 26 and 27 October.

26. 24 October 2001

At 1400 hours four yellow Land Cruiser vehicles and three pick-up trucks came from the Iranian rear. They came to a halt at Iran's Qarah Sarf outpost in the area of the Zayn al-Qaws slope, and some 23 persons in military camouflage uniforms alighted. At 1430 hours the vehicles took these persons back towards the Iranian rear.

27. 28 October 2001

At 0800 hours five dump trucks loaded with blocks, accompanied by two bulldozers and with 15 unarmed persons on them, were seen coming from the Iranian rear. They came to a halt at coordinates 581321.

28. 31 October 2001

At 0935 hours two vehicles were seen, an orange 18-passenger civilian Mercedes and a military box-body ambulance, carrying 18 soldiers including two officers. They were engaged in clearing mines near the Khusrawi complex.

29. 31 October 2001

At 1700 hours a Santana vehicle equipped with a Katyusha rocket-launcher and with four Iranian soldier on it came from the Iranian interior to an Iranian position opposite our units. It stayed for 20 minutes and then returned to the Iranian rear.

30. 3 November 2001

At 1930 hours light-weapons rounds were heard being fired in the direction of the Greater Ak Dağ at coordinates 4311 (1:100,000 map of Khanaqin).

31. 5 November 2001

At 1320 hours a civilian Iranian tugboat was seen towing a pontoon with nine medium-size cranes, seven yellow and two red. It was coming from the sea and headed for the port of Abadan.

32. 6 November 2001

At 1500 hours a white Iranian Nissan vehicle carrying six civilians in black suits was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It came to a halt at the Iranian position opposite Iraq's Arafat outpost at coordinates 981654 (1:100,000 map of Zurbatiyah), where the persons in question reconnoitred the area facing our national territory. After 10 minutes they returned to the Iranian rear.

33. 7 November 2001

At 0800 hours six Iranian tanks, three trucks and a group of people were seen inside Iranian territory at coordinates 8710 (1:100,000 map of Mandali) opposite the Kulliyah outpost. At 1020 hours the tanks and two of the trucks withdrew to the Iranian rear. One truck and 10 military personnel remained.

34. 8 November 2001

At 1215 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying along the mountain chain opposite Iran's Jalat outpost at moderate altitude heading north. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

35. 8 November 2001

At 1120 hours a khaki-coloured helicopter was seen flying along the border strip. It landed at coordinates 3182 (1:100,000 map of Tibah). At 1130 hours it took off towards the Iranian rear.

36. 9 November 2001

At 1200 hours three Iranian civilian buses were seen opposite the city of Faw near the Iranian memorial at coordinates 370216. A group of some 100 soldiers alighted and visited the area. They subsequently withdrew towards the Iranian rear.

37. 3-9 November 2001

The Iranian enemy continued work at the following locations:

(a) The new berm at coordinates 564473, with one excavator, five dump trucks, one roller and one water tanker taking part;

(b) The new berm at coordinates 565605, with three excavators, one bulldozer, one grader, one roller, five dump trucks, two water tankers and four Poclains taking part;

(c) The engineering project at coordinates 904165, with one Poclain, one pick-up truck and five workmen taking part;

(d) The oil rig at coordinates 9122;

(e) The new Iranian outpost at coordinates 154751, with three workmen taking part;

(f) The Iranian position at coordinates 586321.

38. 12-30 November 2001

The Iranian enemy continued work at the following locations:

(a) The new berm at coordinates 565605, with two excavators, two bulldozers, one roller, two Poclains, one grader, nine dump trucks and two water tankers taking part;

(b) Road mending at coordinates 581321, with one excavator and one Poclain taking part;

(c) The Iranian burial ground at coordinates 915800, with seven workmen taking part;

(d) The oil rig at coordinates 9122;

(e) The engineering project at coordinates 904165, with one Land Cruiser vehicle and five workmen taking part.

39. 20 November 2001

At 1330 hours a truck, a Coaster passenger vehicle and two Land Cruiser vehicles were seen with 30 soldiers engaged in engineering work between the metal tower and the concrete tower at coordinates 885675 opposite our units. At 1445 hours the engineering unit withdrew to the Iranian rear.

40. 21 November 2001

At 1100 hours the Iranians fired 11 mortar rounds from two positions opposite the metal tower at coordinates 00563 (1:100,000 map of Zurbatiyah). They impacted near the border strip.